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Mandi Police Station sealed as 6 Cops contract COVID virus

Mysuru, July 24 (RK&SD) - A day after the General Branch at the City Police Commissioner's new Office in Nazarbad was sealed down after a Cop tested positive for COVID-19, Mandi Mohalla Police Station was sealed down this morning and is being sanitised after six Police personnel tested positive.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda told media persons that two Assistant Sub-Inspectors, one Head Constable and a woman Police Constable were among those who have tested positive. A Garuda vehicle and a PCR van, which was being used by the two ASIs have been stopped and the vehicles have been sanitised. The Police Station too is being disinfected.

The COVID-affected Cops have been shifted to Vikram Hospital at Yadavagiri which has been converted into a COVID Care Centre exclusively for Coronavirus Warriors and as a precautionary measure, other staff members working in Mandi Police Station have been kept under home quarantine.

Temporary arrangement

As Mandi Police Station would remain closed for the next seven days, temporary arrangements have been made at Narasimharaja Police Station to receive complaints from Mandi Police jurisdiction. Barricades have been installed at the entrance of the Mandi Station to prevent public from entering the premises.

Police personnel, who are known as 'Corona Warriors,' are among doctors and others who are in the frontline in the battle against the deadly virus are being affected day-by-day. Earlier this month, the Office of the Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) - Traffic, located at Shivarampet, was sealed down on July 2 after a lady Head Constable contracted COVID-19 virus.

The Traffic ACP, along with eight staff were put under home quarantine and their throat fluid samples were tested which turned negative for COVID. The Office reopened on July 14. Entry of public to V.V. Puram and Vijayanagar Police Stations was also restricted as one Policeman each at the two Police Stations had contracted the disease.

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases	:	116
Cumulative POSITIVE cases	:	2,169
Total ACTIVE cases	:	1,345
Persons discharged	:	731
Deaths	:	93

MP inaugurates Comprehensive

COVID Care at Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital

MP Pratap Simha seen exiting a unique disinfectant tunnel where people are fumigated at Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital this morning. Picture right shows the MP inaugurating the Comprehensive COVID Care facility at the hospital along with Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital President Iqbal Ahmed.

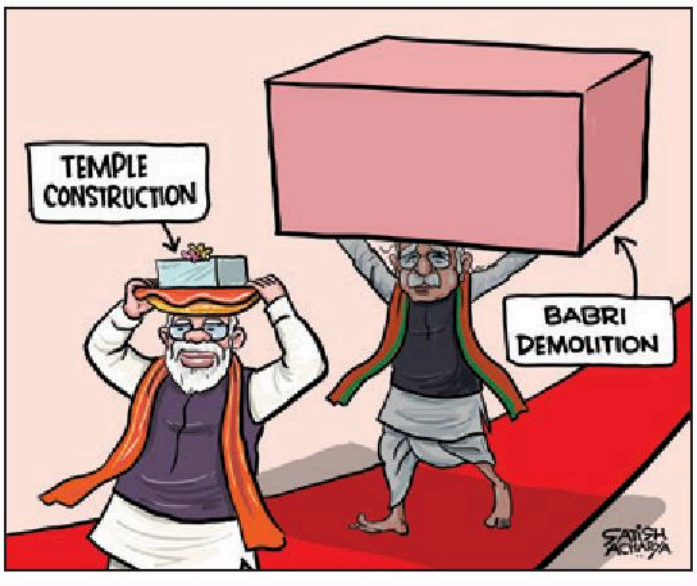
Mysuru, July 24 (RK&BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, who heads COVID-19 Task Force for Narasimharaja Assembly Constituency, this morning inaugurated the Comprehensive COVID Care facility set up at Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital (BAMH) on Old Mysuru-Bengaluru Road. The Hospital has been converted into a modern 75-bed hospital and can be extended to 100 beds.

Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital has tied up with Brindavan Hospital for this initiative and the facility will be entirely managed by Brindavan Hospital. It has facilities including Intensive Care Units, Surgery and Haemodialysis, ventilator support and even can handle child birth cases of COVID-infected pregnant women.

(See MP on page 7)

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Mysuru, Friday 24th July 2020

Webinar on "Alternative Careers in Life Sciences" held

Mysuru, July 24- JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, had organised a webinar on "Alternative Careers in Life Sciences" on Wednesday. The talk was be delivered by Dr. Apurva Barve, Coordinator, Centre of Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education (CoESME), Indian Institute of Science Education & Research (IISER), Pune.

Dr. Apurva Barve

The webinar primarily aimed at familiarising and motivating students to aspire for a plethora of career opportunities in Life Sciences. A total of 250 participants comprising students and aspirants of BSc, MSc, Ph.D. in Life Sciences participated in the event.

The talk focused on alternatives to traditional choice of career in Life Sciences by providing details on newer job avenues and roles like Technical Officer at Core / Common Instrumentation Facilities, Science and Grant Administration, Science Policy, Patent Law / IPR, Biotech. Entrepreneurship / start-ups, Medical or Technical Writing, Editing, Publishing, Science Journalism, Science Communication and Outreach.

Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Dean-Faculty of Life Sciences & Director-Research, inaugurated the event and spoke about integrating science and mathematics knowledge for better employability.

Dr. K.A. Raveesha, Head, School of Life Sciences while introducing the context of the webinar explained the importance of "Being Informed" about the career options and requirements for building great career with strong academic and research background.

In his presidential address, Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Director-Academics, spoke on the necessity of introspective measures to be taken by students to make successful career out of their academic/research qualifications empowered with their skill sets.

The webinar was conceptualised (alongside Dr. Apurva Barve), organised and moderated by Dr. Raghu Ram Achar, Assistant Professor, Division of Biochemistry, School of Life Sciences. Dr. J.R. Kumar and Dr. J.M. Siddesha, Assistant Professors, were also present.

Those who could not make it to the webinar can access the video recording of the entire event from JSS AHER YouTube Channel (https://bit.ly/2OKJzaC), according to a press release.

NEWS SPARKLERS

People pray to 'Goddess Corona' to stop pandemic

Asansol: With country being one of the most affected countries by the Covid-19 pandemic, people are turning to spiritual and divine powers in an attempt to protect themselves from the new coronavirus.

Last month, it was reported that a group of women from a village in West Bengal, decided to fight Coronavirus in their own way – by worshiping Corona Mai, or 'Corona Goddess'. They set up a small shrine on the banks of Chinnamasta Pond, near Asansol city and started singing songs and mantras, burning incense and bringing offerings like fruits, vegetables, ghee, and jaggery. The women said that they planned to worship and pray to the goddess until she takes away Ccoronavirus. But that may take a while...

"We hope that Corona devi ensures that the virus leaves us forever. Our offerings and chants will win us some respite from the virus," a devotee said.

Those worshipping the Corona Goddess are majorly women in their early 20s to old ladies in their 70s, and they all believe that the best way to help fight the pandemic is to pray to the goddess until she decides to take the coronavirus away. "We have decided to worship Corona devi every Monday and Friday till she becomes satisfied," a woman devotee said.

These women are not the only ones who are worshipping Corona Goddess. A man identified as Anilan Muhoortham from the town of Kadakkal also worships Coronavirus as a goddess.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much water should I drink each day?

Current guidelines from the Institute of Medicine should get 91 ounces of water per day. That may sound overwhelming, but remember that at least 20 percent of your daily water consumption comes in the form of food. 1 medium apple contains 6 ounces of water.

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City students excel in ICSE Class X and CBSE Class X

Abhyuday *Sankalp* *Namitha*

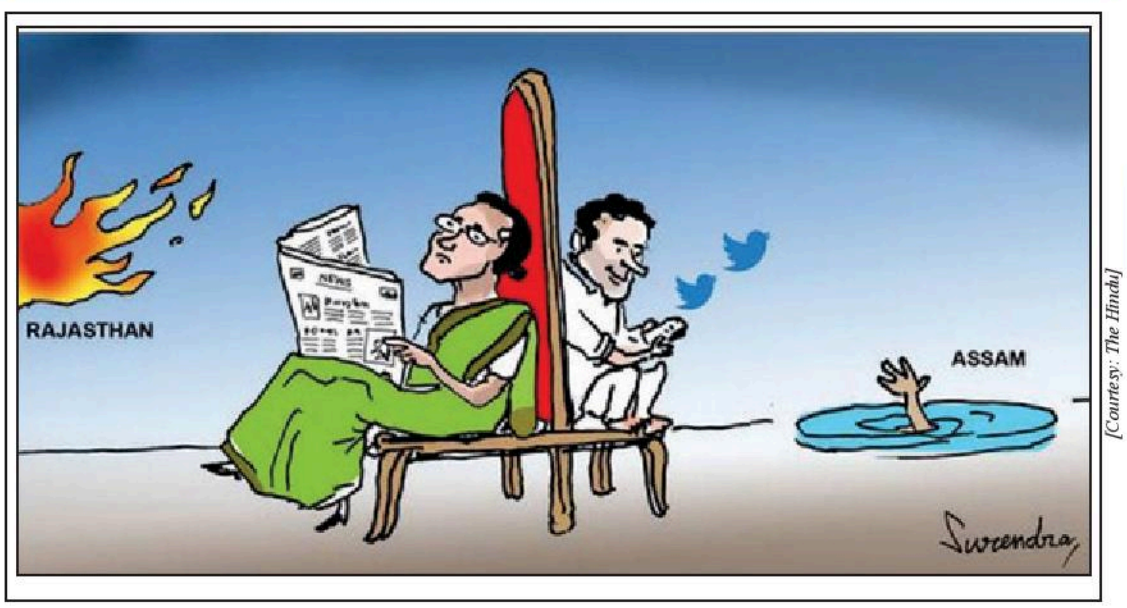
Mysuru, July 24- The eighteenth batch of 43 students of Acharya Vidya Kula got cent percent result in ICSE Class X Board Examination-2020. G.S. Abhyuday is the School Topper securing an overall percentage of 96.67%. He is followed by Sankalp Nadiger (95.67%), B.S. Namitha (95.33%), Havisha V. Sarovar (94.83%) and K. Punya (94%). 14 students have scored 90% and above while some have scored cent percent in English, History and Civics, Mathematics and Computer Applications.

Hardik Patel *Chandana* *Elia Shamala*

Mount Litera Zee School has achieved cent percent results in Grade 10 CBSE Board Exam for the 3rd consecutive year with all the students securing first class and 60% of the students securing distinction. Three students have also aced Social Science subject with centum.

The topper of the school is Hardik Patel with 94.4%, followed by Chandana Sree Tulasi with 94.2%, Elia Grace Shamala with 94% and Mahaveer Jain with 91.8%, according to a press release from the School.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE



[Courtesy: The Hindu]

Really...?

- *The smell of chocolate increases theta brain waves, which triggers relaxation.*
- *White chocolate isn't technically chocolate, as it contains no cocoa solids or cocoa liquor; It takes approximately 400 cacao beans to make one pound (450 gr.) of chocolate.*
- *The inventor of the chocolate chip cookie sold the idea to Nestle Toll House in return for a lifetime supply of chocolate.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Santa phoned his wife: *I am not coming home. The steering, dash board and gears of car have been stolen.*
After sometime he calls again: *I am coming. Earlier I sat on the back-seat !!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.90
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 95.32
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.39
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.96

VOICE OF THE READER

Potholes, craters a nightmare for motorists

Sir,

I am a daily commuter on the Rane Madras Road (Ring Road junction near Damden Apartment, Hebbal) to reach my workplace. I have witnessed huge potholes and craters near the speed-breaker on entry to Rane Madras Road. These potholes are expanding day by day and motorists, especially two-wheeler riders are experiencing a roller coaster ride.

Two-wheelers and four-wheelers are seen going off the road near this dangerous speed-breaker and nowadays street vendors standing near this hump makes it even more dangerous.

—Asif

Vijayanagar
23.7.2020

Kudos to Namma Mysuru Foundation

Sir,

It is indeed very nice to know that Namma Mysuru Foundation (NMF) has taken up the tedious task of rejuvenation of Kalyani adjacent to Sri Subramanyaswamy Temple, near Siddalingapura on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway. Many people do not know the existence of Kalyani near the temple. Thanks to NMF for this yeomen service.

What really caught my attention was that the NMF has gone a further step in stating that it will take up the renovation of the said temple in the coming days. This is certainly appreciable and the temple will be of greater attraction for the visiting disciples.

Kudos to Namma Mysuru Foundation. Hope, NMF will look into other such old Temples in and around Mysuru.

—R. Gnana Prabhu
on e-mail

Aravindanagar
24.7.2020

Webinar on 'Role of Social Stock Exchange in India's Development' tomorrow

Dr. R. Balu *Girish Joshi* *Hemant Gupta* *Dr. Harsh* *Dr. Basavaraju*

Mysuru, July 24- Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM), Mysuru, is conducting a National-level webinar *"Can the Social Stock Exchange (SSE) play a role in India's Development? - A Global Perspective"* on July 25 from 4 pm to 5.30 pm. The topics and speakers are as follows:

Session 1: Highlights of the GRAAM &NABARD report and state of SSEs around the world by Dr. R. Balasubramaniam (Balu), Founder & Chairman, GRAAM; **Session 2:** Sustainable Stock Exchange of UN and SSE of India: How complementing or contradicting are the concepts? by Girish Joshi, Chief Trading Operations and Listing Sales, Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE); **Session 3:** The SSE Concept of SEBI - How Facilitative it is for the Development Sector? by Hemant Gupta, CEO - BSE Samman; **Session 4:** How NABARD's Existing Social Enterprise Promotion Ecosystem can play a role in the context of SSE? by Harsh Bhanwala, Ex-Chairman NABARD.

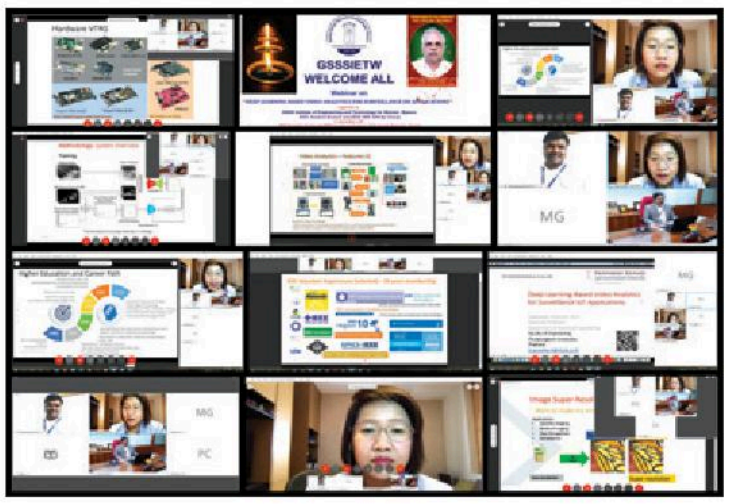
Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta, Executive Director, GRAAM, will be the Moderator.

For further details about the event, contact Susmita, Sr. Manager-Projects and Partnership Development on Mob: 97114-77527 or Bhagavan Bidarakote, Sr.Manager, Strategic Consultation on Mob: 96202-07879.

Office-bearers of Rotary Jayaprakash Nagar Club

The installation ceremony of new office-bearers of Rotary Jayaprakash Nagar Club Mysore for the year 2020-21 was held at a Hotel in city recently. Seen in the picture are *(sitting from left)* ***Rtn. A.N. Aravind (Secretary 2020-21), Rtn. PHF Chandrashekara (President 2020-21), Rtn. PHF Rohith Ramdev (Assistant Governor Zone-7), Major Donor Rtn. PHF A. R. Ravindra Bhat (District Governor Elect 2021-22 & Installing Officer), Rtn. PHF M. Pushparaj Jain (President 2019-20), Rtn. PHF Dr. C. Venkatesh (Secretary 2019-20);*** *Standing from left:* ***Rtn. P. Ravishankar (Executive Director), Rtn. PHF K.S. Kumar (President-Elect 2021-22), Rtn. Raghavendra (Sergeant-at-arms), Rtn. Nirmal Kumar (WINS Chairman), Rtn. Dr. M. Nanjundaswamy (TEACH), Rtn. PHF C. Neelakantamurthy (Director-Youth Service), Rtn. PHF Chaluvaiah (Chairman-Membership), Rtn. M. Ravichandra (Director-Club Service), Rtn. Kantharaj (Chairman-Polio), Rtn. M.C. Abhilash (Director-International Service), Rtn. B.V. Manjegowda (Treasurer), Rtn. Anil Saldanha (Chairman-Web Service) and Rtn. H. Venu (Chairman-District Project).***

Webinar on 'Deep Learning Based Video Analytics for Surveillance IoT Applications' held



Mysuru, July 24- GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, IEEE Student Branch and IEEE WIE Affinity Group, in association with IEEE, Bangalore Section and IEEE Circuits and Systems (CAS) Society, Bangalore Chapter, had organised a Webinar on 'Deep Learning Based Video Analytics for Surveillance IoT Applications' recently by Dr. Supavadee Aramvith, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand and Candidate, 2021-2022 IEEE Region 10 Director-Elect.

The session commenced by welcoming the panel members, resource persons and participants by Dr. G. Manjula, Associate Professor, Department of TCE. Webinar was attended by Convener Dr. B.D. Parameshachari, Professor and Head, GSSSIETW, IEEE Student Branch Counsellor, GSSSIETW. The programme was coordinated by M. Keerthi Kumar, Asst. Professor, Dept. of TCE, GSSSIETW, Mysuru.

Dr. Supavadee Aramvith initiated the Webinar session on 'Deep Learning Based Video Analytics for Surveillance IoT Applications.' In her talk, she expressed that, main motivation for choosing video surveillance was to enhance public safety, and also discussed about the major challenges faced to arrive at the solutions.

She gave information about the distinct features of video analytics which includes person detection and tracking, Image Super Resolution, Human feature Extraction, Face Cataloging, Monitoring and warning, Person tracking through multiple co-operative Cameras. She spoke about the research opportunities in surveillance of video Analytics. She explained with an example to train and test machine learning model for Video Analytics Surveillance for IoT Applications.

Dr. Supavadee Aramvith discussed about the current trends and researches in video analytics.

As surveillance cameras have been widely installed worldwide, although the main purpose of those cameras is for monitoring, most significant task is to be able to analyse video contents and extract useful information. Deep learning based computer vision techniques utilising multi-layer neural network is drastically improving the performance of video analytics to a certain extent.

Several ongoing researches on deep learning based video analytics such as image super resolution, real-time multiple face recognition system, video anomaly detection and several implementations of embedded video analytic system on FPGA and Single Board Computers were discussed. Some possible scenarios of utilising video analytics, IoT for industries were also mentioned.

Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, Mysuru, gave the concluding remarks for the Webinar. Dr. S. Jalaja, IEEE, CAS Banglaore Chapter, was the panellist for this Webinar series.

Devotees book tickets for 'Varalakshmi Vratam'

Tirupati, July 24- The TTD has decided to perform 'Varalakshmi Vratam' at the Padmavathi temple at Tiruchanur on July 31 on the virtual mode.

In view of the lockdown imposed in Tirupati, the TTD has announced that the vratam will be performed 'in private'. However, the rituals will be telecast live on the Sri Venkateshwara Bhakti Channel (SVBC).

As a large number of devotees are keen on participating in the ritual online, the TTD has allowed them to book tickets by visiting *www.tirupatibalaji.ap.gov.in* from July 22 to 30.

NEWS BRIEFS

Admission to UoM Evening College

University of Mysore (UoM) Evening College has invited applications for admission to BA, B.Com and other graduate courses, for the year 2020-21. The College has good teaching faculty with well-equipped library along with sports, NCC and NSS activities. The application form for the first-year graduate courses can be obtained at the College office from July 23 on payment of Rs. 200. For details, call Ph: 0821-2422932 or 2419244.

Webinar on plays penned by Prasanna

Parivartana Ranga Samaja is hosting a webinar tomorrow (July 25) at 6.30 pm on plays penned by senior theatre person Prasanna. Theatre Director Prof. H.S. Umesh will speak about plays authored by senior theatre person Prasanna. Theatre buffs can participate in the webinar by logging on to http://meet.google.com/ehyypcc-owq, according to a press release.

Yajur Upakarma

Triveni Mysuru Aastika Sabha, Roopa Nagar, is conducting Yajur Upakarma on Aug. 3 at the premises of Ganapati Devasthanam, First Cross, Roopanagar, in two batches. Interested may register their names before July 28. For details, contact Subramaniya Sharma on Ph: 2598348.

Ph.D Awardee

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Economics to S. Manu for his thesis 'Impact of CSR Spending on Rural Households in Karnataka: A Case Study of Mysore District' [Guide: Dr. M. Indira].

KRS Water Level

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Yesterday	107.72 ft
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Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,276.84 ft
Inflow	2,875 cusecs
Outflow	1,885 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Yesterday	2,855.48 ft
Inflow	1,402 cusecs
Outflow	320 cusecs

Not Bandipur's 'Mayar King' but 'Mystery Male' from Maharashtra

Mysuru, July 24 (BCT)- A video clip of a male tiger walking majestically inside Bandipur Tiger Reserve has gone viral on the social media. But the fact is that video is not from Bandipur but from Chorbahuli Zone which is in the Maharashtra part of Pench National Park.

The video has received many "wows" on social media with thousands of views. A section of newspapers had reported that the tiger has been spotted in the core area of Bandipur and it is around six to eight years of age. The reports said that Forest Department has named it as 'Mayar King'.

The reports indicated that this tiger is set to take the place of Bandipur's 'Prince' who died last year. Prince, who ruled Bandipur for about 12 years, was the favourite among tourists and photographers as he would come very near to the safari vehicles and give poses to shutterbugs for a long time.

In fact, the huge husky feline from Pench is named "The Mystery Male Tiger" from Chorbahuli Zone. Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, wildlife photographer, conservationist and a big cat specialist Amal George said that the video of the Chorbahuli Mystery Male was shot by Advocate Neelesh Sharma from Nagpur. In a Facebook video post, Neelesh Sharma said that on the evening of July 18, he spotted the big cat. "When on a drive and suddenly the King appears," he posted.

A grab from the video shot by Advocate Neelesh Sharma from Nagpur.

Amal George, who has innate knowledge about tigers in Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves, humorously questioned how 'Mystery Male' from Chorbahuli could come to Bandipur in this lockdown period. Pench tiger Reserve is one of the premier tiger reserves of India and the first one to overlap across two States — Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. This particular tiger is regularly spotted at Chorbahuli Range, over 40 kilometres from Turiya Gate.

"The 'Mayar King' is too fictitious to believe. We remember a story told by Bandipur oldies that we had a tiger named 'Moyar King - Agaysta' who died long before," he added.

The 'Moyar King' seen inside Bandipur Tiger Reserve. This feline has been named after "Moyar King - Agaysta" who died long ago.

B-Kharab controversy: Land owners demand implementation of High Court order

Mysuru, July 24 (RKB&BCT)- The State Government, which is showing enthusiasm in removing B-Kharab (Government land) classification from lands coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No.4, Alanahalli Survey No.41 and Chowdahalli Survey No.39 on which five CITB and MUDA layouts (Siddarthanagar, K.C. Nagar, J.C. Nagar, Alanahalli and Income Tax Layouts) have come up, must show the same concern in implementing the Karnataka High Court order that has declared over 2,000 acres at the foot of Chamundi Hill as private land removing it from 'B-Kharab' classification.

Addressing a press conference at Pathrakarthara Bhavan on Wednesday, Chamundi Thappalina Bhoomalikara Sangha (Chamundi Foothill Land Owners Association) President Dr. Talavane Krishna has demanded the implementation of the High Court order in letter and spirit.

Association Secretary K. Manu, member Raghavendra Murthy and Advocate Vinay were present at the press meet.

Kripalaya priest passes away

Mysuru, July 24- Rev. Fr. Deepak Rayappa (OFM cap), a native priest of Dornahalli, passed away in Kripalaya, Mysuru, today. He was 58.

The funeral mass and the burial service will be held at Kripalaya tomorrow (July 25) at 9.30 am, according to Kripalaya sources.

Fearing COVID-19, Nanjangud villagers force relatives to take dead body back to Bengaluru

81-year-old man, a distant relative of former Vice-President B.D. Jatti, denied burial in his hometown

Nanjangud, July 24 (RS& BCT)- Families bereaved by COVID-19 are often unable to bid a dignified farewell to their loved ones as neighbours, friends and relatives avoid them due to stigma and fear of infections. A number of instances of people shunning the time-honoured solidarity that keeps communities together have left everyone worried.

Even people who die of non-COVID reasons and due to age-related ailments are denied dignified last rites like it happened in Nanjangud on Wednesday evening where relatives of an 81-year-old man, who died of age-related ailments were denied permission for the last rites forcing the relatives to take back the body to Bengaluru.

Jagadeesh, a distant relative of former Vice-President B.D. Jatti and father of Shilpa Jatti breathed his last in Bengaluru on Wednesday morning. As the family owned a piece of land at Hanchipura village near Nanjangud, Shilpa wanted to perform the last rites there. Accordingly, the body was brought to Hanchipura on Wednesday evening by family members in an ambulance.

Villagers stop burial

On seeing the ambulance, villagers tried to stop the burial. The family had hired an earth mover to dig a pit and had followed the ambulance in six cars, all of which bore registration plates of Bengaluru. Panic-stricken villagers who had gathered in large numbers objected to the burial in their village as they feared that the man died of COVID-19 and his burial would spread infection in the village.

Though the burial was to take place not at a public graveyard but on a property owned by the family, the villagers refused to budge. A tense atmosphere prevailed in Hanchipura village and Shilpa Jatti contacted the Hullahalli Police. Sub-Inspector Surendra tried to pacify the agitated villagers and said that the virus does not spread from a dead body and moreover, Jagadeesh died of natural causes and not due to COVID-19.

Body forced back to Bengaluru

The villagers, however, refused to listen to the Policemen and asked the family to take back the body to Bengaluru for burial. Shilpa tried to convince the villagers that it was her father's last wish to be interred in his native place. Still, the villagers refused to permit the burial and Shilpa announced that she will take her father's body back to Bengaluru.

The ordeal of the family did not end here. While the body was being taken back to Bengaluru in the dark, miscreants pelted stones at the vehicles and damaged the cars. Manohar, a Head Constable was injured in stone pelting. In the melee, two cars lost way and took a detour towards Hediyala Road and entered Hosavidu village.

Cop abused

Not stopping at obstructing the burial, Hanchipura residents had alerted their counterparts in Hosavidu about the possibility of the people in the cars being virus carriers. The cars were forced to stop in Hosavidu. Police were summoned again and after much deliberation, the Police diverted the cars to Bengaluru.

A few villagers of Hosavidu allegedly abused one of the cops who was accidentally left alone by a Police team that had arrived in the village. The villagers charged the Policeman for trying to protect the interests of influential people while sacrificing the interests of the villagers. The cop was denied passage. Later, however, village elders intervened in the issue and let the Police Constable go from the village.

Nanjangud Police have booked cases against 15 residents of Hanchipura for damaging cars. Villagers Mahadevaswamy, Abhishek, Suresh, Manjunath, Shankar and Mahadevaswamy have been arrested, said Hullahalli SI Surendra. A few villagers of Hosavidu have been booked for preventing a Cop from discharging his duties.

Mysuru district reports eight deaths, 116 fresh cases on Thursday

Mandya sees 50 new cases and two deaths, Kodagu reports 22 and Chamarajanagar sees 27 fresh cases

Mysuru, July 24 (KS)- Mysuru district yesterday reported 116 fresh COVID cases bringing the total number of positive cases to 2,169.

A total of 731patients have been discharged so far including 38 patients yesterday. There are 1,345 active cases in the district and eight COVID related deaths were reported bring the total deaths to 93, according to the media bulletin received last evening.

The following are the COVID statistics of Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar districts, according to the State media bulletin yesterday evening.

MANDYA

The district has reported 50 fresh COVID cases, bringing the total positive cases to 1,010. As many as 700 patients have been discharged so far including five patients yesterday. There are 301 active cases and two COVID related deaths were reported yesterday bring the total number of deaths to nine.

KODAGU

Twenty two fresh COVID cases were reported in the district bring the total number of positive cases to 310 yesterday. A total of 210 patients have been discharged so far and the total active cases are 95. A total of five COVID related deaths have been reported in the district so far.

CHAMARAJANAGAR

A total of 27 new COVID cases has been reported bring the total positive cases to 422. So far, 232 patients have been discharged including 22 patients yesterday. There are a total of 185 active cases and the district has reported a total of five COVID related deaths till yesterday.

Chamarajanagar ADC joins COVID victim burial team

Chamarajanagar Additional DC C.L. Ananda along with COVID warriors at the burial site.

Chamarajanagar, July 24 (MTY&BCT)- At a time when the Corona Warriors are risking their lives in their fight against the pandemic and at a time when a decent last rites is being denied for people dying due to COVID-19, Chamarajanagar Additional Deputy Commissioner C.L. Ananda went a step ahead to boost the morale of Corona Warriors.

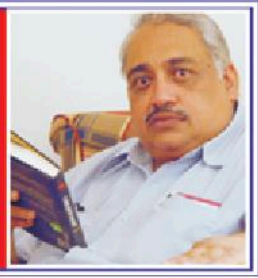
C.L. Ananda

He led a team of warriors in performing the final rites of a 60-year-old person from Bastipura who died of COVID-19 on Thursday. Ananda was a part of the dedicated team that was involved in packing the dead body and carrying it from the mortuary to the place identified to perform the last rites.

Ananda, accompanied by other personnel in the team, conducted the last rites as per protocol. As a precautionary measure, the team wore Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits. By doing this, Ananda has boosted the confidence among Corona Warriors and at the same time has sent out a message that the virus will not spread if necessary precautions are taken while performing the last rites.

While performing the last rites, volunteers observed a one-minute silence before the victim was laid to rest. Ananda told *Star of Mysore* that he has served in the Army for 15 years before becoming an officer. "Fear and lack of information have resulted in many families hesitating to even see the bodies of their loved ones. Many villages are denying place for the families of victims to perform the last rites. I want to end this," he said.

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

COVID-19: Mistakes we are making!

Yes, we the people are making some mistakes in the way some of us are reacting to the march of the COVID-19 pandemic through our towns and cities. Our own Mysuru is no different! That explains why we are seeing not only its very rapid and extensive spread across the highly crowded areas of most cities but also an unusually high mortality in cases coming from such pockets.

Our city, even for a good length of time after the pandemic entered our State, remained pretty much unaffected, with cases countable in just single digit figures and without a single true COVID-19 death. This rather unexpected and alarming surge that we are seeing over the past few days and which seems very likely to take things out of our control if left unchecked seems to be the outcome of two things.

One, the rather complacent attitude we all had while standing at our front doors, feeling happy that we were so unaffected, while the culprit crept in quietly and unnoticed through our backdoors! Two, the way most people on the streets were flouting every one of the recommendations made to keep us safe although they were the ones who were at the greatest risk. And while doing this, most people were actually wondering why our State administration was so jittery with its precautions and cautions when the enemy was nowhere to be seen.

It's easy to blame the law enforcement authorities here, saying that their enthusiasm for levying fines on people for not wearing masks while wandering about on the roads did not last long. But we could not have expected the grossly outnumbered Police or the Town and City Corporation authorities across the State to catch every single offender and slap a fine on him or her or offer them free masks like angels of mercy, although they did the latter too while their patience lasted!

But while they did all this and while we all did our part and heeded all the warnings with sincerity, did we all not

see how well Karnataka was impervious to COVID-19? It was only after people across the State started throwing caution to the winds and started urging the authorities to relax their restrictions and enable us all to earn a few rupees more that we began to pay a heavy price for it.

Today the situation is so bad that all our Hospitals across the State are full. Since COVID-19, with its extremely high infectivity is so scary, it is not only a surprise but a miracle that most COVID Warriors who see its impact from very close quarters, day in and day out, are continuing to do their duties, undeterred and unmindful of their own safety and the safety of their families. **Today it is common knowledge that while the close relatives themselves of COVID victims are not coming forth either to look after them or even to claim the bodies of their dead, these COVID Warriors, like angels without halos, are doing what no one else is willing to do.** It is the best part of the worst that is happening all around us and which we can all effectively prevent with a little patience and common sense.

So what is it that we should do besides social distancing and sanitising? There are a few other very important things that we can do to avoid much distress and even save our lives. Early reporting of even the slightest suspicious symptoms to our family doctors is very essential. By this I mean the fever and cold or an itchy or sore throat that do not go away in about three days with or without simple medication. A loss of smell or taste or unusual body ache or even mild diarrhoea. Yes, COVID-19 almost always starts with these seemingly very trivial symptoms.

And, why should you seek help early? Because early reporting leads to early COVID testing and brings us our test reports early at a time when all labs are overworked and have heavy backlogs.

Incidentally, contrary to what most people think and fear, getting a positive report does not mean that you will be instantly whisked away in a sky blue space-suit to another planet. This is the common misconception that is holding back the masses and uniformed people with suspicious symptoms from getting themselves tested or approaching the specially created fever clinics. Depending on your age and state of health you are more likely to be asked to stay in the safety and comfort of your own home but away from your other family members.

This is again only to safeguard their health by preventing them from catching your infection. Even if you do not meet the simple criteria for home quarantine or if you do not have a large enough house with an additional room and separate toilet or if you happen to live alone without anyone who can look after your needs, you can opt to enter an approved quarantine facility. These quarantine facilities range from completely free, basic ones created in schools, hostels and community halls to paid ones in modest to posh hotels that cater to all classes of people.

The other source of fear for many not-so-well-to-do people are the much whipped up rumours on social media that no one who goes to a Government COVID-19 hospital returns alive. Nothing could be farther from the truth. I have myself advised many COVID positive people to get treated at the District Hospital on KRS Road, very much here in our own city and they have come out completely healed and alive, narrating happy tales of their experience there!

Not only that, the doctors who have been treating them there have all been very regularly keeping in touch with me and updating me about their progress with a very high degree of responsibility and commitment. It is true that hospitals like these are badly understaffed due to an acute shortage of people who are unwilling to work there out of sheer fear. But that is a problem that even the best private COVID hospitals are facing too.

People may point out that the fatality rate that we are seeing in our Government COVID hospitals is unusually high. It is true for a very important reason of its own. It is mostly the poor people who are uninformed and unlettered who go there for treatment. So they wander from pillar to post aimlessly, without knowing the best course of action and end up reaching there only when it is too late and their end is very near.

Incidentally, having a positive test report in hand is very important because without it no COVID Hospital will admit any patient today. They simply cannot afford to fill up their already scarce beds with undiagnosed cases which is very understandable. **Early action in seeking treatment even for trivial and unsure symptoms is very crucial because in the few unlucky individuals, irrespective of whether they are young or old or healthy or unhealthy, weak or robust, these trivial symptoms can quickly progress to a completely moribund state.** And, that is clearly the wrong time to go looking for a hospital where admission and specialised care can be sought. This is not like the good old times when finding a safe hospital bed was a matter of wide choice with wide options for anyone with the wherewithal to pay for it. Now deep pockets make no difference whatsoever, simply because hospital beds are no longer available even to the highest bidder. **That is why we are seeing some of the richest people and even the doctors who are the owners of their own hospitals dying in their cars as they are being driven around by their desperate kith and kin, frantically searching for a vacant bed.**

Yes, this is the scenario now and it is only expected to get worse unless we all work like one well oiled clock to get our timing right and stay out of trouble. The so-called complete lack of symptoms in the majority, the non-vulnerability of younger people, the tendency for spontaneous recovery and the inherent low mortality, are no doubt very true and very reassuring. **But this is a simple game of dice and so they simply do not count because we cannot control the odds.**

While our social behaviour and our own state of immunity load the gun, our own destiny presses the trigger! This only goes to prove that keeping ourselves aloof from others as much as possible and voluntarily adopting a very cautious and significantly toned down way of life to keep ourselves safe, with maybe a much reduced cash flow, is the winning combination. Distancing a lot from others and maybe distancing a little from our immediate ambitions is the key to success. **To a great many of us it may seem like a rather heavy price but there's simply no other way. You have to bend and bow a little or you have to pay!**

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MP inaugurates Comprehensive COVID Care at Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital

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The Brindavan Hospital and the Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital will be treated as one hospital and as the State Government has mandated all Private Hospitals in the State to hand over their 50 percent of the beds to COVID care, all the beds at Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital will be reserved for COVID patients and all the non-COVID patients will be treated at Brindavan Hospital.

A team of specialist doctors, technicians and paramedical staff will run the Hospital with utmost precautions to help the District Administration in its efforts to control the pandemic. Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital President Iqbal Ahmed, Dr. M.R. Aiyappa, General Physician and Diabetologist and Dr. Ravindranath, Orthopaedician at Brindavan Hospital, Dr. K. Javed Nayeem, Dr. Mohan, Dr. Imran and others were present.

Disinfectant tunnel

On the occasion, a unique disinfectant tunnel was inaugurated by the MP where liquid is not sprayed on the entrants but are fumigated with thick smoke. The smoke is, however safe to inhale. The tunnel has been installed by S3V Technologies and is called '3V Safe Tunnel'. Impressed by the tunnel, MP Pratap Simha asked the company representatives to demonstrate the tunnel to Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar so that such facilities can be installed at all the other COVID Care Centres, and hospitals.

Protest held, withdrawn

A group of five to six people claiming to be members of Waqf Board in Mysuru objected to the conversion of Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital into a COVID Hospital. Claiming to be the owners of the building and the property where the hospital stands, the members protested. They objected for the commercial use of the Hospital and at the same time said that the hospital is located in a thickly populated area and there is a danger of virus spreading.

Narasimharaja Sub-Division ACP Shivashankar, Inspector Shekhar and Pratap Simha intervened in the protest and asked the Waqf Board members to withdraw the stir. They told the protesters that real estate matters could be sorted out in other platforms later.

The Hospital has been taken over as COVID-19 is a national disaster and people who object to such issued can be booked under National Disaster Management Act, they said. The protest was later withdrawn.

Mandya bandh on July 29 for permanent ban on mining around KRS Dam

Mandya, July 24 (Nagaiah & BCT)- Pressing for a permanent ban on mining and stone quarrying in and around the villages surrounding Krishna Raja Sagar Dam in Mandya, many organisations have called for Mandya bandh on July 29.

The bandh has been called to protect the interests of River Cauvery and the Dam which stores its water – a lifeline of the people of Mandya.

The bandh has been supported by Raitha Sangha, Karunada Sevakara Sanghatane, Auto Drivers Association, Jaya Karnataka, Bharatiya Samvidhana Hitharakshana Vedike, Sugarcane Growers Association, Vokkaligara Seva Trust and Dalita Sangarsh Samiti (Krishnappa faction).

At a meeting called in Mandya last evening, the activists said that the State Government must immediately and permanently ban mining and stone quarrying in 20 kilometres radius around KRS as continuous blasting for stones is causing grave danger to the structure.

Farmers and various associations have been demanding a ban on stone quarrying and use of explosives within a 20 km-radius of the Dam. There are over 80 stone quarrying units, a majority of them owned by politicians in Srirangapatna and Pandavapura taluks. Most of the operators use high-intensity explosives to extract stones. This has been causing tremors and loud sounds near KRS Dam.

The Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) had submitted a report to the Mandya District Administration with suggestions to prevent the use of high-density explosive substances. "Despite scientific evidence, the State Government is dilly-dallying on the issue and is not committing itself for a permanent ban. Political pressure is being exerted on the Government by powerful lobbies in favour of mining," they alleged.

The activists said that the agitation against mining will be extended to Bengaluru to draw the attention of policy-makers. Kempugowda of Rajya Raitha Sangha, Shambhunalli Suresh, Kallahalli Ravindra, M.B. Krishna, Nagannagowda, Prof. Hulkere Mahadeva, Naganna Banaswadi, Latha Shankar and others were present.

COVID positive factory employee commits suicide

Mysuru, July 24 (RK&KS)- A 57-year-old employee of a factory on KRS road, who was among other employees who had tested positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) committed suicide by hanging at the room in which he was under home isolation at Gokulam Third Stage last night.

The employee, after being tested positive was admitted to the COVID Hospital and as he had opted to undergo treatment in home isolation, he was discharged from the Hospital and was kept in home isolation at a room on the top floor of the house.

It is learnt that, the deceased had his dinner at the isolation room last night and the suicide came to light this morning. He leaves behind his wife, one son and a daughter.

V.V. Puram Police have registered a case.

Govt. slashes KSFC interest rate by 4 percent

Bengaluru, July 24- The State Government on Thursday slashed KSFC (Karnataka State Finance Corporation) annual interest rate by 4 percent on the loans extended by it to entrepreneurs.

Announcing this after a State Cabinet meeting here yesterday, Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said that following representations by loanees, the State Government has decided to slash annual interest rate from 10 percent to 6 percent.

The other Cabinet decisions included renovation of Fort at Madikeri in Kodagu at a cost of Rs.10 crore, approval for purchase of medical equipment worth Rs. 29.87 crore for Bidar Institute of Medical Sciences and an exclusive Cadre and Recruitment rules for appointments to ACB (Anti-Corruption Bureau), among others.

IPL at UAE from Sept.19

Bengaluru, July 24- The eagerly awaited IPL (Indian Premier League) - 2020 cricket tournament will start in the UAE (United Arab Emirates) on Sep.19, with the final match scheduled to take place on Nov. 8.

Announcing this to newsmen today, IPL Chairman Brijesh Patel said that the IPL-2020 would be a full 51-day tournament (Sept. 19 to Nov. 8).The IPL has been made possible by the ICC's decision to postpone the Oct-Nov T20 World Cup in Australia owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, due to which the host country expressed its inability to conduct the event, he added.

Devotees banned from entering temples on Shravana Saturdays

Mysuru, July 24- As a measure to control the spread of COVID-19, the District Administration has banned entry of devotees to Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple in front of the Palace North Gate, Sri Rama Temple at Chunchanakatte in K.R.Nagar taluk and all other temples coming under Muzrai Department and Private Managements, on all Saturdays during Shravana Masa (Month), starting from tomorrow.

In a press release, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G.Sankar said that the entry of devotees to the temples have been banned on July 25, Aug.1,8 and 15 and all festivals and fairs during the Shravana month have been cancelled. However, the temple priests can perform customary rituals within the temple premises in the presence of staff, the release said.

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Newly-nominated MLC Vishwanath calls on MP Sreenivasa Prasad

Mysuru, July 24 (PM&DM)- A day after he was nominated as a Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) by the State Government, senior BJP leader and former Minister A.H.Vishwanath paid a courtesy visit to the residence of Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad at Jayalakshmipuram here yesterday.

Later speaking to presspersons, Vishwanath said that he was glad that he was made an MLC as promised by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa.

Maintaining that the BJP has been giving political representation to all communities, including micro-communities, which were hitherto neglected, Vishwanath asserted that he has been nominated under Literary Quota.

Noting that he is an author who writes books on politics and not a litterateur in the true sense, he said the Legislative Council is a house for senior politicians and he takes pride for being a member of this house for the first time.

Replying to a query on his getting a Cabinet berth now that he has been made an MLC, Vishwanath said that he merely said that he would not like to discuss the issue now at a time when the country and the State is battling COVID-19.

Responding to a question on Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah's demand for a detailed account of COVID-19 purchases, he said that Siddharamaiah, who has the experience of working as a Chief Minister and as well as Finance Minister, should not behave irresponsibly by asking questions standing on streets.

Siddharamaiah can raise the issue either in the Legislature or the Public Accounts Committee and seek answers from the Government, he added.

MP Sreenivasa Prasad said that Vishwanath, who was an elected representative all along his political career spanning decades, has now been nominated to the Upper House for the first time. Maintaining that he and Vishwanath are like-minded persons, the MP hoped that Vishwanath will work for causes he has been fighting all along.

Former MUDA Chairman C. Basavegowda and other local BJP leaders were present.

Later, Vishwanath visited the BJP office at Chamarajapuram, where he was greeted by a host of party leaders. City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, State BJP General Secretary M.Rajendra, former Minister C.H. Vijayshankar and other leaders were present.

Peek into his political journey...

A.H. Vishwanath began his political journey as a Youth Congress leader under the then Chief Minister D.Devaraj Urs in the 1970s and was first elected as an MLA from K.R.Nagar in 1978.

After serving the Congress for over four decades during which he enjoyed power as a Minister and an MP, Vishwanath quit the party and joined JD(S) on July.4, 2017.

He was elected as an MLA from Hunsur Constituency in the 2018 Assembly polls and became the JD(S) State President on Aug.5, 2018.

Then in a sudden political development, Vishwanath quit the post on June 4, 2019 and also resigned from his Assembly seat on July 6, 2019.

His resignation, along with some other MLAs of the JD(S) and Congress, triggered the collapse of the coalition Government, with H.D. Kumaraswamy resigning as the Chief Minister on July 23, 2019.

Vishwanath joined the BJP on Nov.14, 2019 and contested the by-election from Hunsur on a BJP ticket in the polls held on Dec. 5, 2019, which he lost.

Now, over seven months after his defeat, the veteran leader has been nominated as an MLC by the BJP Government.

JD(S) MLA Mahesh terms Vishwanath's MLC nomination illegal

Mysuru, July 24 (RKB&DM)- Terming the nomination of senior BJP leader A.H. Vishwanath to the Karnataka Legislative Council as illegal, K.R.Nagar JD(S) MLA S.R.Mahesh has urged the Governor not to administer oath to Vishwanath.

Speaking to presspersons at his office near Ramavilas road here this morning, Mahesh, who is also a former Minister, said that the Supreme Court in a ruling in connection with a disqualification petition (WP-992/2019), has clearly said that a disqualified Legislator must again get elected from the people to re-enter the House and not be nominated at any point of time during the entire tenure of the Government in power. But the ruling BJP Government, as a reward to Vishwanath for pulling down the coalition Government, has nominated him to the Legislative Council in violation of the SC ruling, he maintained.

Wondering whether the Governor, who has signed the letter nominating Vishwanath as an MLC is unaware of the SC ruling, Mahesh urged the Governor not to administer oath of office to Vishwanath.

Pointing out that Vishwanath, who is himself an Advocate, must be knowing about the legal issues involving his nomination, as he is a disqualified legislator and has failed to get the people's mandate having lost the by-polls, the MLA questioned him how he could take the oath in violation of the SC ruling, which he is supposed to honour as an advocate.

Lashing out at the State Government for its failure to release MLA grants, Mahesh claimed that no MLA of the State, irrespective of the party affiliations, has received any development funds so far.

Asserting that he has been pleading with the Government for releasing Rs.1.16 crore grant that is due to him as an MLA, Mahesh wondered whether the Government has gone totally bankrupt.

MyMUL appointment scam

Referring to MyMUL appointment scam which he has alleged, Mahesh said that the High Court stay has been vacated only in respect of two cases and MyMUL taking advantage of this, has called for interviews starting from July 27, which is once again illegal.

Claiming that many aspiring candidates have paid huge sums of money to MyMUL Directors and politicians from the ruling party for jobs, he said that he would continue to take up the cause of deserving candidates and take the appointment scam to its logical end.

JD(S) District President Narasimhaswamy, City President K.T. Cheluvegowda, former Corporator K.V. Mallesh and others were present at the press meet.

Cabinet approves New Industrial Policy

Bengaluru, July 24- The Cabinet on Thursday approved the State Government's new Industrial Policy that aims to generate Rs.5 lakh crore investment and create 20 lakh jobs over the next five years, by offering a slew of incentives.

Speaking to presspersons after the Cabinet meeting here yesterday, Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar said that as per the policy, all new investment projects shall create direct employment opportunities, with a minimum job reservation of 70 percent for Kannadigas on an overall basis and 100 percent in case of Group-D employees.

Pointing out that Special Investment Regions (SIR) have also been announced, Shettar said that Dharwad SIR - encompassing Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri and Belagavi Districts, will be the first.

Noting that probably for the first time in India, the State Government has decided to offer investment promotion subsidy to Medium, Mega and Large enterprises ranging from 1.75 percent to 2.5 percent on turnover in each year for a period of 5-10 years, he said that the subsidy will be in the form of a grant and will be based on the Company turnover.

Guest Lecturers demand regularisation of services

Mysuru, July 24- The University of Mysore (UoM) Guest Lecturers Association has demanded regularisation of services of Guest Lecturers serving in various Universities and First Grade Colleges across the State.

In a press release, the Association said that Guest Lecturers have been serving in various Universities across the State for about 25 years. But their services have not yet been regularised.

Pointing out that they are paid only Rs.22,500 by UoM for a 12-hour workload and Rs.30,000 for 16-hour workload in other Universities, they said that they are not paid wages for four months in a year due to holidays.

Noting that over 10,000 Guest Lecturers were serving in Government First Grade Colleges across the State for over 15 years, the Association said that they are being paid a paltry salary of Rs.13,500 for an 8-hour workload. Taking note of the hardship faced by the Guest Lecturers, the Government should ensure their job security by regularisation of service, the release said.

Ramdas launches COVID-19 test centres in KR Assembly Constituency

Mysuru, July 24 (MTY&DM)- With an aim to bring down COVID-19 death rate to zero in Krishnaraja (K.R.) Assembly segment, MLA S.A. Ramdas, who represents the Constituency, inaugurated a throat swab collection centre to test for COVID-19, at Makkala Koota premises in Krishnamurthypuram here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas said that the centre has been opened as some people have been hesitating to visit hospitals despite showing symptoms of the dreaded pandemic.

Maintaining that the centre has been opened to bring down the COVID-19 death rate to zero in a week, he said that he has discussed with the officials the measures to be taken for containing the spread of the pandemic.

Pointing out that K.R. segment has been divided into three zones, he said that each zone will have a test centre at Makkala Koota, Bodyguard Primary Health Centre at Jockey Quarters and at Nachanahallipalya. The people of the Constituency can visit these centres and give their throat swab samples for COVID-19 test, he said.

Announcing that eight medical teams have been formed to conduct household health survey, Ramdas said that the job of these teams is to identify symptomatic and asymptomatic patients at an early stage itself, as a measure to stop the spread of the virus.

Noting that the Constituency will have three Ambulances, one for each zone, he said these ambulances are fitted with oxygen support systems.

The MLA further said that sanitisation, fumigation and disinfection of all the 115 Containment Zones in the Constituency is underway and several teams have been formed to door deliver groceries and other essentials to the residents.

Referring to public movement, Ramdas appealed the people not to venture out on to the streets unnecessarily, as a study has found that the main cause for the spurt is public and vehicular movement. Emphasising on the need for citizens to remain indoors as far as possible, especially the elderly, he said youth must understand that unnecessary movement on streets and markets, will put the elderly members of their family at a health risk.

K.R. Constituency Task Force Nodal officer Jayasimha, Taluk Health Officer Dr. Mahadevaprasad, MCC Health Officer Dr.Jayanth, MCC Assistant Commissioner Kumar Nayak, Corporator Geethashri, BJP leaders Noor Fatima, Nagendra, Girishgowda and others were present.

Former Mayor demands setting up of COVID care centres

in Southern part of NR Assembly segment

Sandesh Swamy

Mysuru, July 24- Former Mayor and BJP leader Sandesh Swamy has urged the District Administration to set up COVID Care Centres (CCC) in the Southern part of NR Assembly segment.

In a statement issued here yesterday, Sandesh Swamy, while welcoming the setting up of two CCCs at Udayagiri, which is located at the Northern part of the Constituency, stressed on the need for the establishment of such centres in the Southern part as well. Pointing out that the entire Assembly segment is reporting a large number of COVID-19 cases every day, the former Mayor said that the residents of areas such as Gayathripuram, Kyathamaranahalli, K.N.Pura, Vidyanagar, Shaktinagar, Kalyanagiri, Giriyabovipalya, Teachers Layout, Jyothinagar, Raghavendranagar and Yeraganahalli are expressing a lot of concern over cases being reported from their areas too. As such, it is necessary to establish CCCs and Fever Clinics in the Southern part of the Constituency, he said.

'Swachha Grama-Swachha Parisara' award winners

Mysuru, July 24- The Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) has announced the winners of 'Swachha Grama- Swachha Parisara' contest, organised as part of World Environment Day recently. The ZP had received a total of 19 entries for the contest held under three categories and five entries were selected for the prizes on July 6.

Nanjangud Taluk's Tandavapura Gram Panchayat (GP) Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) Akshata Bhat has bagged the first prize in 'Yashogathe' category. K.Gopinath, a resident of Saraswathipuram in city, has bagged the first prize in 'Documentary' category. In the 'Wet Waste Management' category, H.D.Kote taluk's Kanchamalli GP PDO V.N. Poornima has bagged the first prize, Mysuru Taluk's Harohalli GP PDO M.Shobharani- second prize and Hunsur Taluk's Manuganahalli GP PDO K.M. Rachana- third prize, according to a press release from Zilla Panchayat CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra.

Private school principals meet Education Minister

Requests intervention to address problems faced by teaching and non-teaching staff

Mysuru, July 24 (KS)- Representatives of the Mysore Sahodaya School Conference, an Association of schools affiliated to the CBSE of Mysuru and neighbouring districts, met Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar at his office in the Vidhana Soudha recently and submitted a memorandum, requesting his intervention in addressing the problems faced by the teaching and non-teaching employees of private unaided educational institutions in the State.

The delegation requested the Minister to direct those parents who are capable of paying the school fees to do so, as done in many States and also referred to the recent orders from various High Courts favouring the collection of fees by the schools to meet their operational expenses, including payment of salaries to the staff.

The members also requested the Minister to do the needful to ensure that the staff working in these institutions is protected and their salaries are paid, once the parents start paying the school fees.

The Minister, who received the memorandum from the delegation, assured them his support to the employees of these institutions and promised to look into the various issues and concerns raised by them.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, who took the initiative to organise the meeting of Principals with the Minster, also beseeched the Government's favourable consideration on the matter. Earlier, the Sahodaya representatives met Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar and Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar and submitted memorandums to them.

The delegation was led by President of Mysore Sahodaya School Conference Krishna Bangera. K.G. Mathew, William Pushparaj and Rajeshwari Iyer were present.

CISPMAM delegation meets Minister

Meanwhile, CBSE, ICSE & State Board Private School Managements Association (CISPMAM), Mysuru, has appealed to the State Government to let them collect fees for online classes from parents to pay staff salaries and ensure smooth functioning of schools. The delegation met Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar and submitted a memorandum.

Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar too was present in the meeting and the Ministers were apprised on the plight of private schools in the time of pandemic.

"There are over 240 CBSE, ICSE and State Board Private Schools in Mysuru where over 40,000 people are working. Many parents have not paid fees due to the confusion in the government and Court levels and also conflicting statements from leaders are being taken advantage of," CISPMAM President Sudhakar S. Shetty told the Ministers. Due to the non-payment of the salaries, maintenance of schools was difficult, he stated.

BJP leader H.V. Rajeev, Association Vice-President M.L. Ravindra and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

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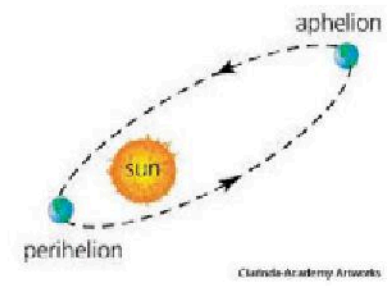

Pronunciation: af-EEL-yun.
Meaning: The point farthest from the sun in the path of an orbiting celestial body (such as a planet).
Origin: Aphelion and perihelion are troublesome terms. Which one means a planet is nearest to the sun and which means it is farthest away? An etymology lesson may help you keep those words straight. Just remember that the "ap" of aphelion derives from a Latin prefix that means "away from" (the mnemonic "'A' for 'away'" can help too); peri-, on the other hand, means "near." And how are aphelion and perihelion related to the similar-looking astronomical pair apogee and perigee? Etymology explains again. The "helion" of aphelion and perihelion is based on the Greek word hēlios, meaning "sun," while the "gee" of apogee and perigee is based on gaia, meaning "earth." The first pair describes distance in relation to the sun, the second in relation to the Earth.
Example: Currently about 34 AU from the Sun, Pluto is still slowly approaching its aphelion, the farthest point in its orbit from the Sun, where it will lie nearly 50 AU from our star." — Alison Klesman

THE ODD WORD

Abele

White poplar tree.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A bunch of fives

Meaning: 'A bunch of fives' is a slang term for a fist, especially one used for punching. The fives are the four fingers and the thumb.
Origin: The phrase appears in print in 1825, in Charles Westmacott's satirical novel The English Spy: "...came up to the scratch and floored many a youkel with their bunch of fives." It is also reported as appearing, slightly earlier, in Boxiana by Pierce Egan, 1821. Boxiana is a classic work on boxing history and folklore, and just the place to look for such a reference, but it isn't easy to obtain copies of it these days, and I can't confirm that attribution.
However, 'a bunch of fives' does certainly derive from early boxing terminology. The 'scratch' referred to in Westmacott's story is the line that boxers were brought up to, to face each other at the start of a match. The early 1800s saw the invention of the boxing glove, which later became mandatory under the Queensbury Rules in 1867. In the 1820s bare-knuckle fighting was still commonplace and the 'fives' were the weapon of choice.

QUOTE BOX

We're all just a bunch of sinners, but we do the best we can. **—Dolly Parton**

RIDDLE THIS

I follow you all the time and copy your every move, but you can't touch me or catch me. What am I?

Answer: Your shadow.

SUDOKU

			8		3			
		3				6		
8		2		1		7		5
3		6		4		5		8
1		5		6		2		4
5		9		3		4		6
		7				8		
			4		2			

Answer to previous puzzle

3	1	8	5	2	7	4	6	9
4	7	5	8	6	9	2	1	3
9	6	2	4	3	1	8	5	7
1	3	4	6	8	2	9	7	5
5	9	6	3	7	4	1	2	8
8	2	7	9	1	5	6	3	4
7	5	9	1	4	6	3	8	2
2	8	1	7	9	3	5	4	6
6	4	3	2	5	8	7	9	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Bathroom powder
5 An old Irish alphabet
9 You can eat this poached, scrambled or just boiled!
12 Our continent
13 Spray-on paint for motor vehicles
14 City of Brazil (abbrev.)
15 From that time onward
18 ___ Claus : Father Christmas?
19 Run away
20 Likely, suitable or appropriate
22 Favoured or spoke in favour of
26 Archangel with great tidings
30 Music director of Waqt and Do Badan
31 French month
32 Asia's subcontinent
34 Fifty two in Roman numerals
35 Hyperbolic trigonometric function
37 Apparatus
39 Woodland deity
41 Std. temp. & press.
42 Biblical land - "a mob" dispersed?
45 Passageway
49 Indian Prime Minister from Nov. 90 to Mar. 91
53 Succor, assistance
54 UP town
55 Long time periods
56 Railway Mail Service, in short
57 Smeared or soiled with grease or some other lubricating material
58 Hit hard or crush, fly etc. with a blow

DOWN
1 Makes a lace
2 Choti si ___... : that sweet song from "Roja"?
3 Legal right
4 Pertaining to Cambridge
5 A lyric poem with complex stanza forms
6 Slangy nonsense, empty talk
7 System of bidding in Bridge
8 Customs
9 Age or epoch
10 Animal sanctuary in Gujarat?
11 The Almighty?
16 Romantic Isle off Naples
17 Type of dam across a river
21 Ex-India paceman Yohannan
23 Salvador ____ : famous Spanish painter?
24 Harmful, wicked
25 502, in Rome
26 Greek goddess of the earth
27 Is not, slang
28 Eastern daylight-saving time, abbr.
29 Intentional untruths; falsehoods
31 Random Hse. mail
33 Pilasters formed at the terminations of a wall?
36 Song of praise
38 Sharp steel instruments
40 Cowboy competition
43 A form of our prayers is also a girl's name
44 A false biblical god
46 Demonstrate or indicate
47 ___ Lang : she loves Superman, the man of steel?
48 Formerly, once
49 Road vehicle
50 That boy or that man?
51 Automatic Dependent Surveillance
52 Timid, bashful

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

H	A	F	T	■	R	A	G	A	■	S	T	C
A	L	A	R	■	O	V	E	N	■	P	R	E
L	I	M	A	■	M	E	M	O	R	I	E	S
■	■	I	D	E	A	■	■	D	I	V	E	S
M	U	L	E	S	■	A	W	E	S	■	■	■
A	V	I	■	K	M	P	H	■	E	B	B	S
S	E	A	■	■	A	R	I	■	■	O	L	E
H	A	R	K	■	T	O	P	S	■	M	E	L
■	■	■	I	C	A	N	■	K	A	B	U	L
L	U	G	E	R	■	■	D	I	E	S	■	■
A	R	A	V	A	L	L	I	■	S	I	T	E
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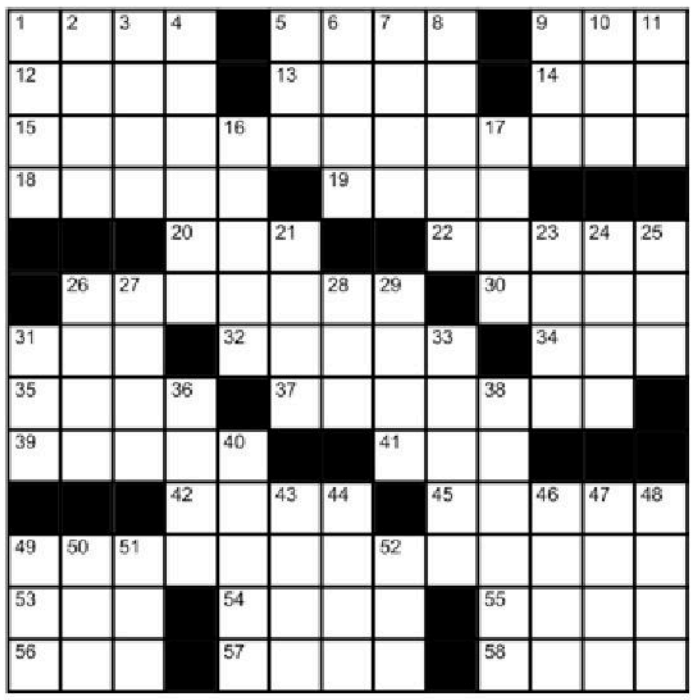

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

V QNPA JM JWVCR JWFJ JWP IDFVC XFN JWP

HMNJ XMCAPDTQB MDEFC VC HO IMAO. JWPC V

DPFBVLPA XWM XFN JPBBVCE HP JWVN.

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: That which has always been accepted by everyone, everywhere, is almost certain to be false.

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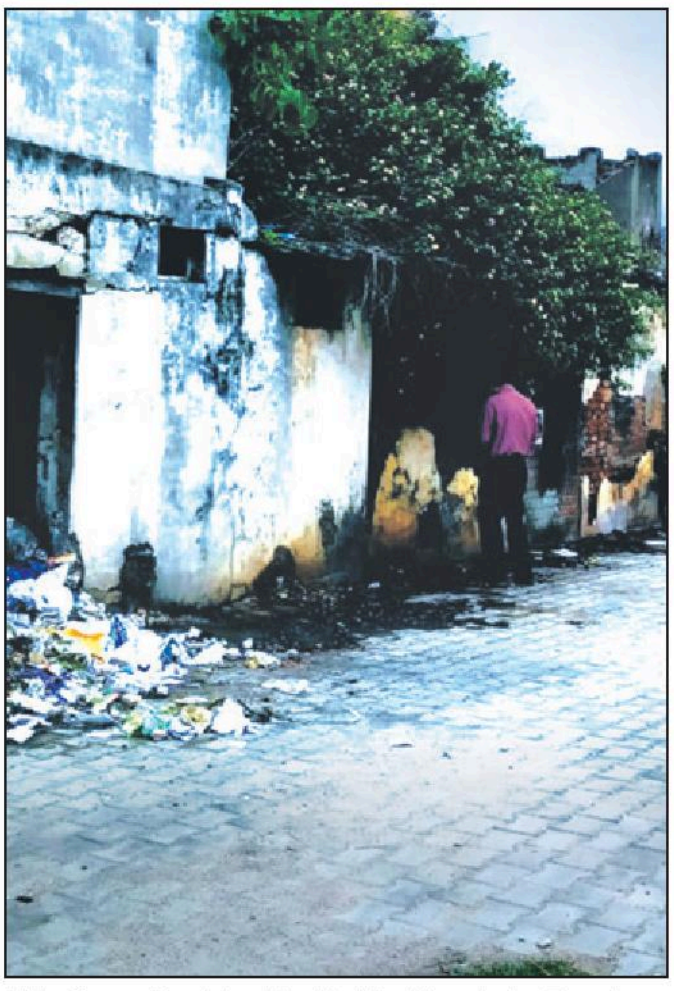
Plea to clear garbage dumped near new Court Complex

Garbage and waste is being dumped regularly on the K.V. Nagar-Jayanagar Link Road close to the new Court Complex at Malalawadi but is not being cleared on a daily basis. Residents said that a garbage van dumps the garbage on the side of the road but the same is not being cleared. Following rains, foul smell is emanating from it forcing the public to cover their nose while passing on the road. The public have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the garbage cleared at regular intervals.

Road next to Ahobila Narasimha Temple turns into public urinal



This Cross Road beside Ahobila Narasimha Temple on Ramavilas Road, which was developed recently, has become a place for the public to answer nature's call and also to dump household garbage resulting in the place stinking and causing a lot of inconvenience to the residents nearby. Devotees coming to the temple are forced to cover their nose while passing by the road and also while praying at the temple. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the place cleaned and also prevent dumping of garbage on this road.

Irony? Civic problems galore at Pourakarmika Locality

Mysuru, July 24 (YDS&DM)- Though the heritage city of Mysuru had earned the 'Cleanest City' tag for two successive years, the Kuduremaala area (Manasinagar) coming under MCC Ward 21, where more than 350 Pourakarmika families live, is ironically facing a lot of civic issues.

The grouse of the Pourakarmikas living in the area is that while Pourakarmikas play a very vital role in keeping the city clean, their own locality is facing a lot of civic problems such as lack of Underground Drainage (UGD), street-lights and asphalted roads. Also, the storm water drainage system is in poor shape and whenever it rains heavily, rain water enters almost all households, which has become a cause of great concern for the residents of the locality.

Adding to the woes of the residents, is the collapse of compound wall of the Community Hall (Samudaya Bhavan) and the unpotable and stench-bearing water of the borewell.

The residents complain that most of the streets in the locality do not have storm water drains and as such rain water gushes into houses whenever it rains heavily. This apart, there is a common problem of drainage water overflow as the locality's UGD system has been linked with the UGD pipeline of Gouthama and Ambedkar Hostels. The roads too are in poor shape with crater-like potholes dotting them.

Last month, two houses belonging to Swamy and Ganesh,collapsed due to heavy rains, following which both the families have been sheltered in the Community Hall. Despite several pleas for repairs, the Slum Board authorities have turned a deaf ear to their plight.

Area Corporator Vedavathi told *Star of Mysore* that more than 1,200 people live in about 350 homes in Manasinagar.

Noting that the locality is lacking in basic infrastructure, she said that an action plan has been prepared after the MCC Commissioner and Engineers inspected the area a few months ago.

Stating that the MCC pointed to dearth of funds whenever she raised the issue, Vedavathi urged the MCC authorities to release funds under the Pourakarmika Welfare Grant, for providing better civic amenities.

Meanwhile some residents of the locality by name Veera, Nataraj, Subramanya, Kaparamma and Rangamma said that the locality faces a lot of problems during the rainy season every year.

Maintaining that the MCC authorities have not bothered to clear garbage that lie scattered along many roads of the locality, thus causing a lot of stench, they urged the MCC to address the problems that the locality has been facing for long.

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